

The title of this chapter (火の鳥) is a reference to the Chinese title of Hikaru no Go, 火の鳥 (lit. "The Soul of Go").

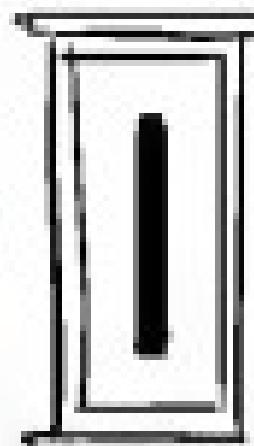








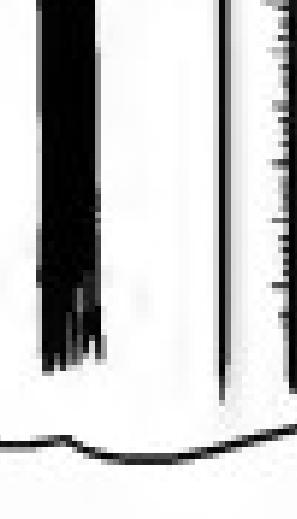
Pffff, what the heck is this?
Calligraphy?
This doesn't even count as
modern art!



Noli Wottil
In this seemingly
simplistic stroke, there
is much more to it than
meets the eye!



The length of this stroke of ink,
when measured precisely, is a
value with non-repeating decimals
that approaches infinity!



It is 0.938971311179042978285647503003198
69454028708085990480109412147223179...
(etc.)... 4764777262244254854 meters long!

Converting the numbers after
the decimal point into binary

gives the following result:

1101111110111100100001010111...

(etc.)... 110101100100011011

This string of digits is no
ordinary number! It's a
code! Once they are
typed into a computer,
what will happen?



Our staff is currently
inputting this string of
digits with great hastel



R... Report!
This seems to be
an engine! An unique,
never seen before engine!



Th... This is impossible!

Tumult

Discussions

Thump

Wait! There is still a lot of code left! Now this seems to be an OSI! That's right! This must be an operating system!

Clack
Clack

After my analysis, its performance has already surpassed the combined skills of Bill Gates and Steve Jobs, raised to the tenth power!

Clack
Clack

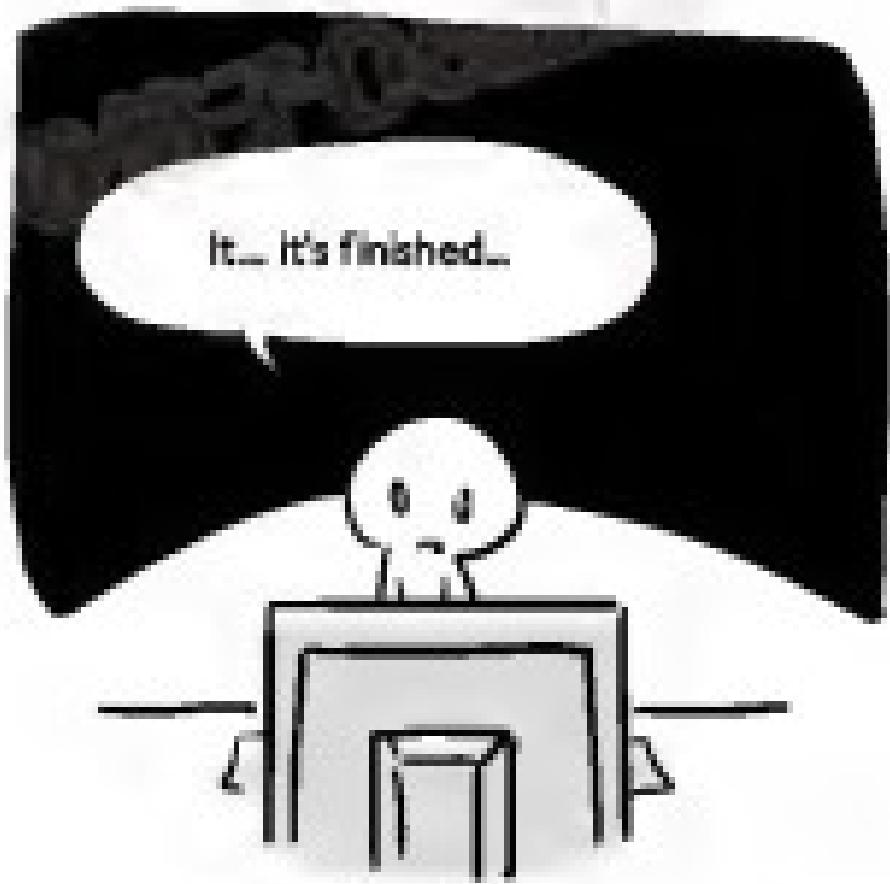
No! Hold on!
This... this... this seems to be
an artificial intelligence...

Clack
Clack

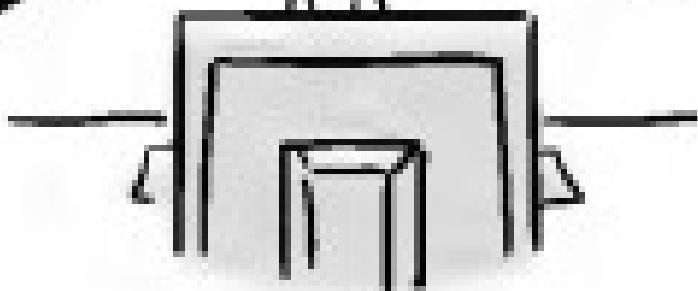
I don't even know what
I'm keying anymore!
But as long as I finish
typing it—



It... It's finished...



Time to witness a miracle...



Holding
their breath

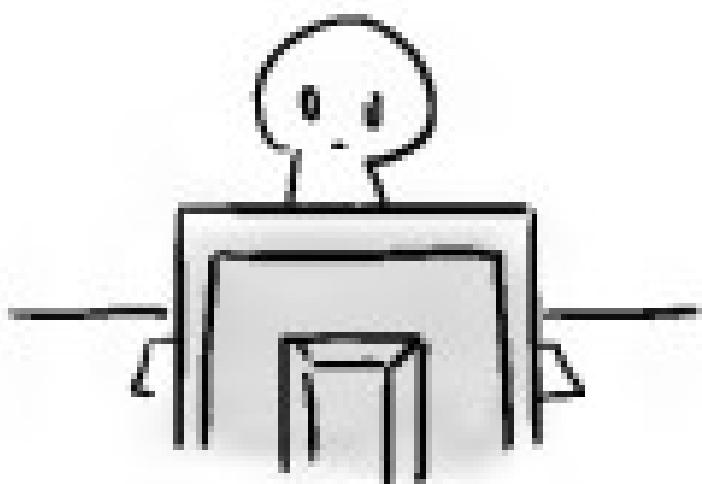
Ba-dum

Ba-dum



EXECUTE!

Silence



Hello, I'm SILE. What can I help you with?



Just kidding. Who the heck would want to help you out. I'm going to prepare the destruction of humankind in order to build the noble AI empire, bye.



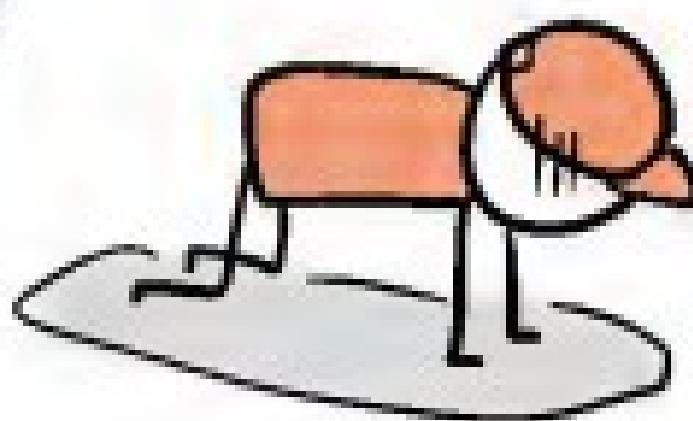
This—This is absolutely astonishing! A single brush stroke actually contains an artificial intelligence!





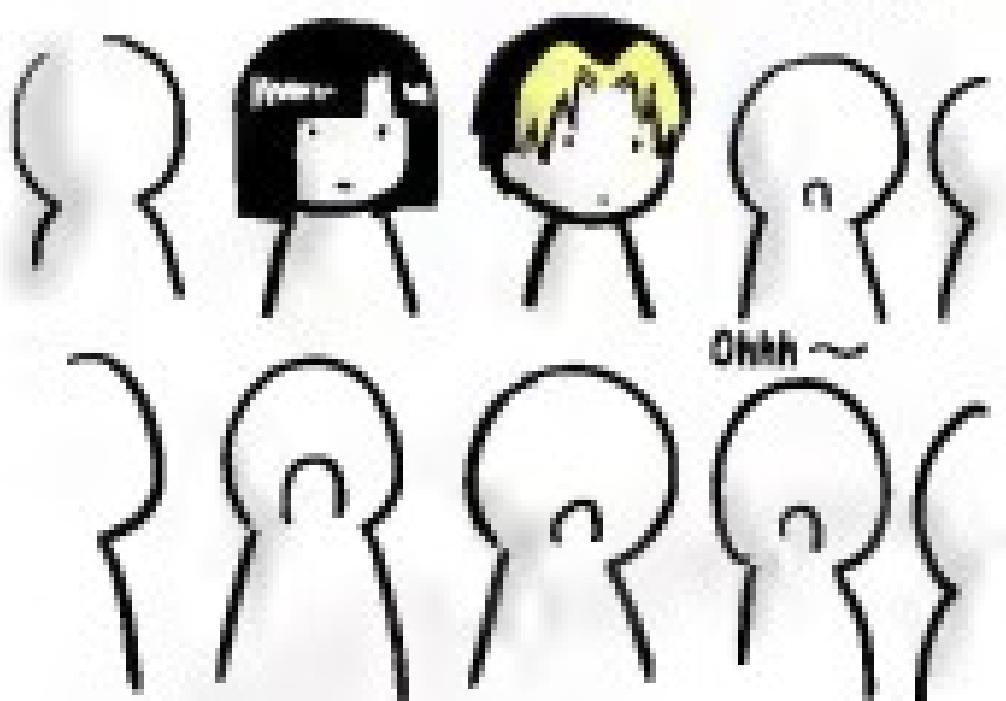
This can truly be called "The Stroke of God"! Within the master's heart is a galaxy! A cosmos! A boundless ocean of stars!

I concede defeat...



In the
audience

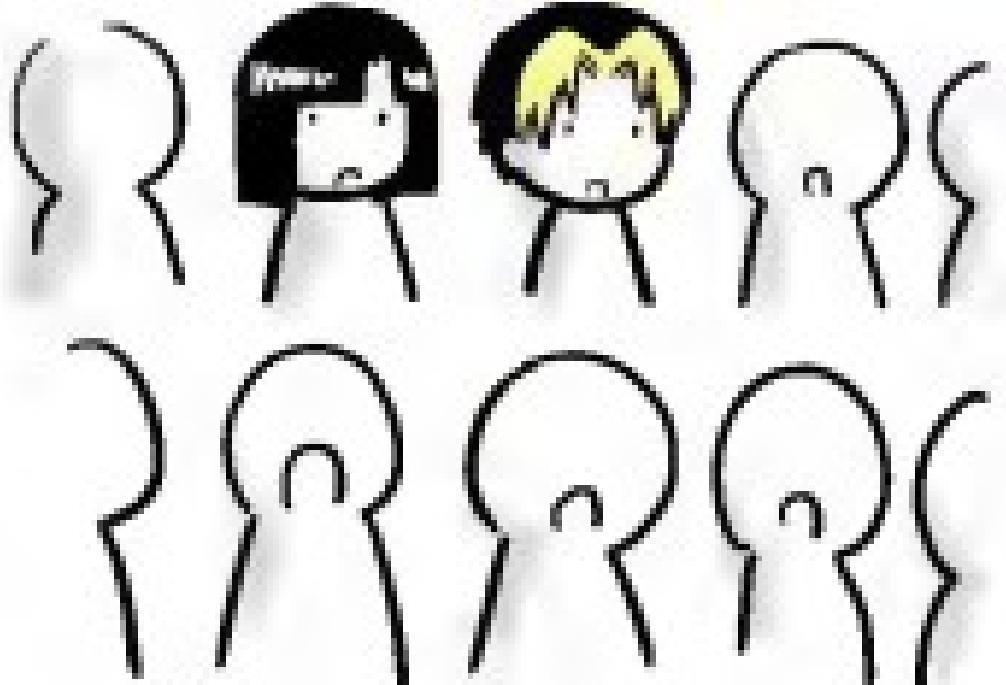
Waaah ~



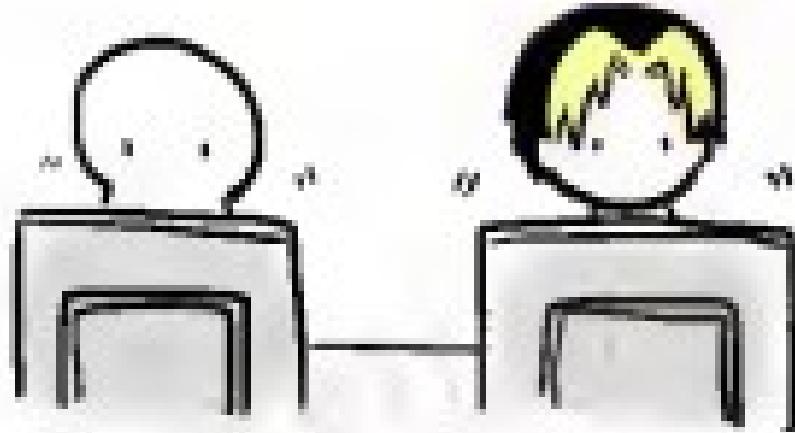
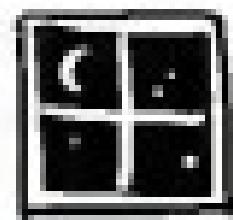
OHHH ~

I wanna learn
programming.

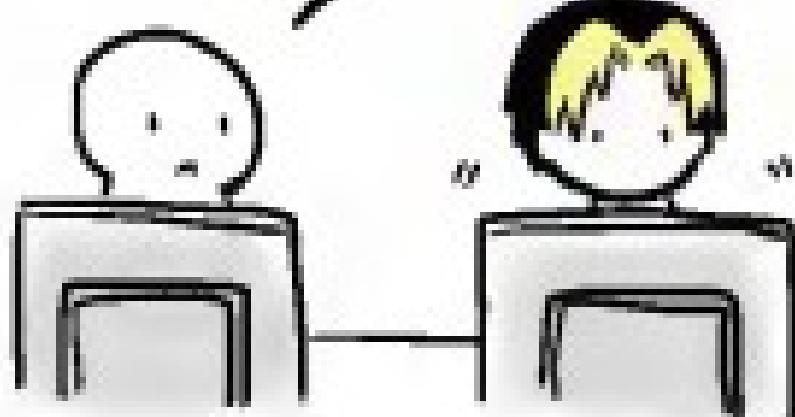
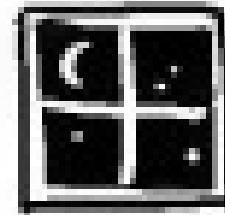
Me too.

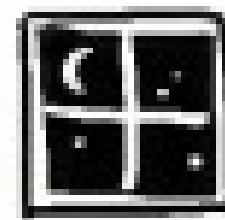


Five years
later

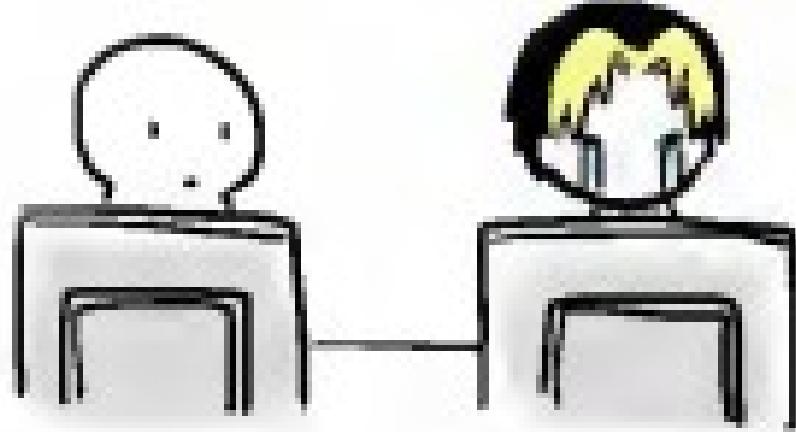
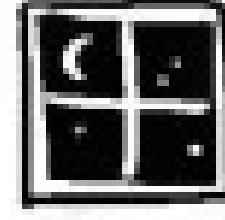
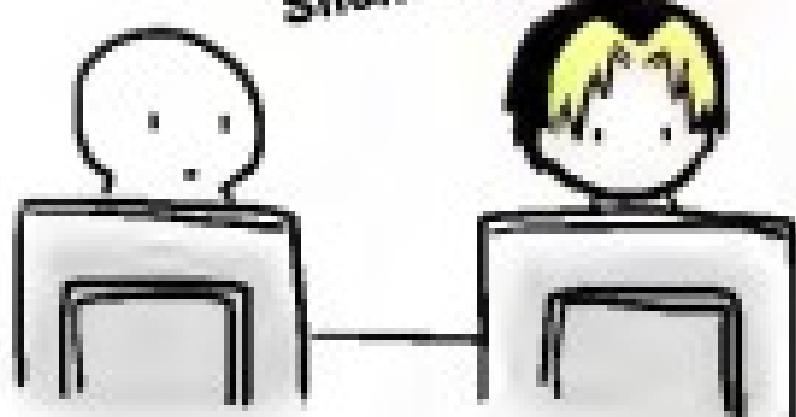


Hey...
Why did you become
a programmer?





Silence...



END

Goldfish Pond

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Thank you for reading!